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2. Squad: (strength, eight to ten privates.)
 - a. Squad leader, private or private first class, armed with a German Mauser 7.92 mm. rifle, model 98, 1939 - 1940 manufacture.
 - b. Machine-gunner, private, armed with a Czech LMG, type VZ, model 26, 1937 - 1938 manufacture. He had no other weapon.
 - c. Assistant machine-gunner, private, armed with a German Mauser 7.92 mm. rifle.
 - d. Two submachine-gunners, privates, armed with old German submachine-guns of unknown caliber and model.
 - e. Three to five riflemen, privates, armed with either German Mauser or with Czech Ceska Zbrojovka 7.92 mm. rifles, 1937 manufacture of the same type as the Mauser model 98.

T/E of a squad: one LMG, two SMG's, five to seven rifles.

3. Platoon: (composed of three squads)
- a. Platoon leader, sgt., armed with a 9 mm. German pistol, either a Parabola or Parabellum type.
 - b. Pvts., 20 - 30.

T/E of a platoon: one pistol, three LMG's, six SMG's, 15 - 20 rifles.

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4. Company: (composed of a headquarters and three platoons)
- (a) Hq: CO, Lt. or M/Sgt, armed with same type pistol as mentioned above. Deputy CO, NCO, armed with same type pistol as mentioned above.
- (b) Four NCO's, 72 to 90 pvts, or five NCO's and 72 to 90 pvts.
- T/E: five pistols, nine LMG's, 18 SMG's, 45-63 rifles.
5. Battalion: (composed of a headquarters and four companies)
- (a) Hq: Bn CO, Lt. Col, Deputy CO (Aide to CO ?), Lt, Staff officers with the rank of maj, cap and lt whose exact functions were unknown to me.
- Several NCO's, armed with pistols
- (b) Total of approximately 25 officers, 18 NCO's, 288 to 360 pvts.
- T/E of a battalion: approximately 43 pistols, 36 LMG's, 72 SMG's, 180-272 rifles.
6. 34th Inf Regt: (composed of a headquarters and two battalions and one u/i infantry company)
- (a) Hq: T/O & E unknown
- (b) Two battalions: as given in paragraph five above
- (c) One infantry company: (no details known to me)
7. Members of the two battalions mentioned above received only basic training, and were transferred to SNB Border Guard unit #9600 on 15 Oct 49. The privates became mladsi strazmisters while the NCO's and officers became officers in the SNB. The same men were again transferred on 1 Jan. 51 to the PS as NCO's and officers.
8. The company of regular infantry mentioned above received separate training and did not transfer to the SNB or the PS.
9. All personnel had the following personal equipment: steel helmet (no liner), mess gear, canteen, bayonet, shovel, ammunition pouch, gas mask, knapsack.

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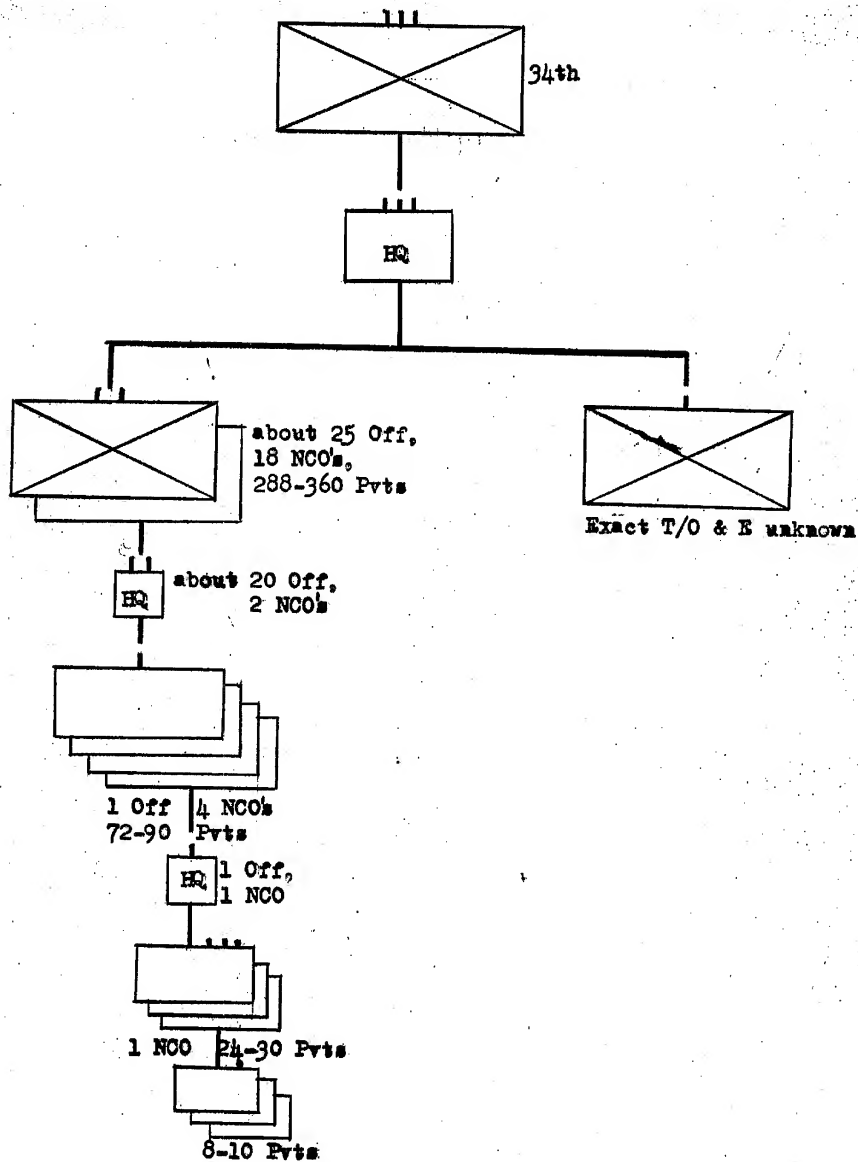
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